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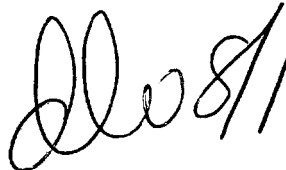
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## **Anglo American Joins Search For Ni-PGMs At Raglan**

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It should now be noted, that NovaWest has been advised by Anglo American that Anglo American has recently acquired an extensive Raglan land package by staking approximately one thousand and five hundred exploration cells (1,500 cells) immediately west of Novawest’s 600 sq. km. (150,000 acre) Raglan Assemblage. The Company is pleased to have another of the world’s largest mining companies joining NovaWest as a neighbour at the Raglan Belt. NovaWest believes these new developments provide further credibility to the excellent Ni-PGM-Cu-Co exploration potential of the Raglan Belt. These new acquisitions have resulted in Anglo American being one of the largest property holders in the Raglan camp along with Novawest Resources and Falconbridge Limited.

Also of note, is that it was AMPLATS, the world’s largest platinum producer and also a subsidiary of Anglo American’s parent company, that assayed one of Novawest’s Raglan samples and returned a result of 20.4 g/t PGMs. Falconbridge Limited’s extensive Raglan holdings are contiguous to Novawest’s east, north and northwest boundaries and host numerous high-grade world class Ni-PGM-Cu-Co deposits, including the recently opened \$1 billion Raglan Ni-PGM-Cu-Co mining operation.

Novawest’s expansive Raglan Assemblage is now strategically situated between two of the world’s largest metal producers. It would appear from the data available to the Company that the west, central and east horizons of the most important stratigraphies of the main Raglan belt are now covered by the extensive holdings of Anglo American to the west, Novawest Resources in the centre, and Falconbridge Limited to the east and north. Collectively these three companies now encompass in excess of one thousand, four hundred and fifty sq. kms or alternatively three hundred and sixty thousand (360,000) acres at Raglan.

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Mr. Bordin, P.Eng. a resident of Timmins, Ontario, is a professional mining engineer with 25 years experience in the industry. While employed by Falconbridge Limited and its parent Noranda Inc., Mr. Bordin was a key team member and instrumental in the international procurement and negotiation of base metal feeds for smelting and refining at the Canadian processing site. While in service with Falconbridge and Noranda group he was a key player in the contract negotiation and logistics for the movement of Chilean copper concentrate feed from Collahuasi (world’s largest copper mine and one of the newest) to Canada for treatment over a 10-year period.

He has extensive experience in all aspects of the business both domestically and internationally, including mineral exploration, mine feasibility, open-pit/underground operations, smelting and refining. He has a wealth of knowledge in the area of international procurement and logistics of mineral feeds for processing in Canadian smelting operations. Mr. Bordin is registered as a Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario and is an active member of The Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

Mr. Bordin worked on northern Labrador iron ore projects with the Iron Ore Company of Canada dealing with development and logistics of mining in a remote sensitive area. With the discovery of the renowned Kidd Creek deposit by Texasgulf near Timmins, Ontario he worked for Texasgulf on the open-pit and underground transformation. Later with Falconbridge Limited (third largest nickel producer in the world and owners of the Raglan Ni-PGM Mine and Kidd Creek Zn-polymetallic Mine) he focused on environmental issues affecting the operation of large metallurgical complexes, in particular, in the control of sulphur dioxide emission control and acid plants in Canada.

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